Grammar Section

The grammar section of the TOEFL® ITP test has 40 questions in 35 minutes with a maximum score of 68 and a minimum score of 31. It has two main sections; Structure (15 multiple choice questions) and Written Expressions (25 sentences).

TOEFL® ITP Test			
	Listening	Grammar	Reading
Number of questions	50 questions	40 questions	50 questions
Time	35 minutes	35 minutes	55 minutes
Maximum score	68 points	68 points	67 points
Minimum score	24 points	31 points	31 points

How to use this section?

- Carefully read the question
- Choose the best answer
- Check your answer
- Look at the answer's explanation, and study both TOEFL® and English tips
- Practice!

STRUCTURE PRACTICE

Choose the best answer:

Q1.

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Answer: C. a professor at Cairo University

Grammar Point:

The subject of the sentence is "Boutros Ghali," and the verb is "was." Therefore a noun phrase is needed to work as an adjective for the subject of the sentence, which is C.

Key Vocabulary:

Was elected (verb): Chosen by vote Position (noun-singular): A person's job or role Secretary-General (noun-singular): The head or leader of an organization

TOEFL® Tip:

Whatever comes between two commas (,....,) are usually phrases that provide extra information. Look for the main subject before the first comma and the main verb after the second comma.

English Tip:

Phrases are group of words that do not necessary need a subject or verb. Phrases are usually used to clarify the meaning or to provide extra information. In the previous question, "professor at Cairo University" is a phrase that gives more information about the subject, Boutros Ghali.

Fun English:

A teacher asks the students to tell him the most common word used by students in a classroom.

Suddenly a student got up and said "Can't Sir"! "You are right," the teacher said!

Q1 Practice.

Q1A

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Q1B

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Q1C

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The verb of the sentence is "is" but it does not have a clear subject. "The scientific study" is the only available appropriate noun phrase (subject) for this sentence.

Key Vocabulary:

Branch (noun-singular): A part of a larger thing Biology (noun-singular): The science of life or living matter in all its forms

TOEFL® Tip:

Whatever comes after a preposition is NOT the subject of the sentence. Therefore, "fungi" is NOT the subject because it comes after the preposition "of", and therefore, a more complete subject is needed.

English Tip:

Prepositions include words such as: at, by, behind, from, in, of, on, to, with

Fun English:

Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs?

A: A Bed

Q2 Practice.

Q2A

.....of the united states is the elected head of state and head of government of the United States.

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Q2B

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Grammar point:

This question is testing the sentence's word order. "Often" is an adverb, and therefore must immediately follow the verb "are". "Greatest" is superlative adjective and should come before the noun "dangers." Therefore, the correct answer is D.

Key Vocabulary:

Hypothermia (noun-singular): Low body temperature that can cause death Altitude-sickness (noun-singular): Health problems because of not-enough oxygen Overcome (verb): To deal with a problem

TOEFL® Tip:

Comparative and superlatives are used to compare two or more things. It is important to understand the difference between these, and when and how to use them.

English Tip:

Comparative:

Short adjective + er---> Ex: "A is <u>taller</u> than B" More + long adjective---> Ex: "A is <u>more expensive</u> than B" *Superlative:* The + most + long adjective---> Ex: "A is <u>the most beautiful</u> girl in the room"

The + short adjective + est---> Ex: "A is the shortest boy in our family"

Fun English:

Q: What starts with a P, ends with an E, and has a million letters in it? A: Post Office!

Q3 Practice.

Q3 A

The Loser is an American competition reality show that debuted on NBC on October 19, 2004.

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- (D) Biggest

Q3 B

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Q3 C

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Answer is on the next page.

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